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SR-6J

Mr. Scott C. Blauvelt, P.G.
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Project Manager

Re: Fansteel, Inc. Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA)

Dear Messrs. Blauvelt and Breakwell:

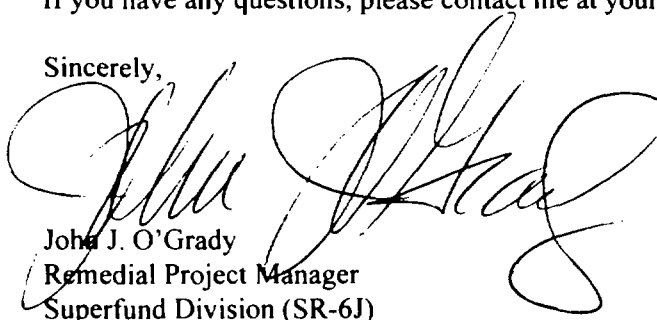
This is in response to your letter dated April 17, 2001, regarding the submittal and review of the EE/CA Work Plan, Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP), and the Health and Safety Plan (HASP), submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), Region 5 Office, via letter dated March 28, 2001.

I am currently expediting the reviews of these documents. I have given the top priority to the EE/CA Work Plan, followed by the QAPP, and the HASP. However, as documents are reviewed, I will expeditiously forward all appropriate comments on those documents to your attention. I do not intend to go through umpteen iterations on any of the documents. Once you receive the comments, please revise them and let's move forward with the EE/CA. It may also be useful at some point in the near future to plan a meeting either in Chicago at the U.S. EPA Region 5 Office or at the Site, to go over field sampling approach and necessary steps to complete the EE/CA.

Please be advised that the U.S. EPA intends to hold Fansteel to the agreed upon schedule, since it was their choice to secure a new contractor for the EE/CA.

If you have any questions, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,


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